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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kevin M Burd

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 01 February 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statements (IDSs) submitted on 2/1/2001 and 8/13/2001 are being considered by the examiner.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because figures 1-4 need to contain a text label as well as a numerical label. An example is element 40 on figure 2, which should be labeled quadrature data splitter. It is office policy to request from Applicants that submitted figure contain both of the above stated labels to allow individuals viewing each figure to be able to determine the elements in the figure without having to go into the specifications to determine what the designation of each element in a figure. This is simply a request and this objection to the figures will be withdrawn in the next office action.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because line 22 should be deleted. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
4. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that

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the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

5. The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC (See 37 CFR 1.52(e)(5) and MPEP 608.05. Computer program listings (37 CFR 1.96(c)), "Sequence Listings" (37 CFR 1.821(c)), and tables having more than 50 pages of text are permitted to be submitted on compact discs.) or
REFERENCE TO A "MICROFICHE APPENDIX" (See MPEP § 608.05(a). "Microfiche Appendices" were accepted by the Office until March 1, 2001.)
- (e) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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- (f) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (g) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (h) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (i) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (j) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yun et al (US 6,360,080) in view of Sawahashi et al (US 6,069,912).

Regarding claims 1, 7 and 8, Yun discloses communication between a base station and mobile stations (column 1, lines 16-28) using dual code spread spectrum techniques in a transmit diversity (figure 1). Yun discloses receiving symbol data and splitting the data into in phase and quadrature components (figure 1). The signal is upconverted to RF and spread as shown in figure 1. The signals are transmitted by a plurality of antennas. The receiver is shown in figure 2. The data is correlated using the spreading codes of the transmitter to recover data from the correlated signals. Yun does not disclose the receiver comprises an antenna diversity system. However, Sawahashi discloses a receiver using a plurality of antennas in a spread spectrum system is well

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known in the art as shown in figures 6 and 9. The gain of the received signals is maximized as stated in column 7, line 62 to column 8, line 8. The signals are combined in adder 905 in figure 9. It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the diversity receiver of Sawahashi into the system of Yun. The use of multiple antennas to receive signals helps to reduce interference in the recovered signals and eliminates the multi-path interference. Other advantages to this system are disclosed in column 1, line 26 to column 2, line 19.

Regarding claim 2, Sawahashi discloses using the antenna diversity path signals to compensate for phase fluctuations in column 11, lines 6-16 and figure 9. The signals are received at RF and are down converted to baseband as shown in figure 6.

Regarding claim 3, Sawahashi discloses using the antenna diversity path signals to compensate for phase fluctuations in column 11, lines 6-16 and figure 9. The signals are received at RF and are down converted to baseband as shown in figure 6. Yun discloses the signals are correlated with respective PN codes to recover the data and Sawahashi discloses the use of down converting circuitry as shown in figure 6.

Regarding claims 4-6, Sawahashi further discloses filters for filter in the signal and weighting means as shown in figure 9. The signal is compensated for phase fluctuations as described above and weighted prior to combining the signal in the receiver.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lundby et al (US 6,356,528) discloses the transmit diversity signal of claims 1 and 7 in figure 2.

Contact Information

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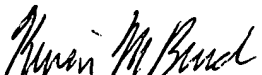
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin Burd, whose telephone number is (703) 308-7034. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.


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